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Storhoff, et al.)
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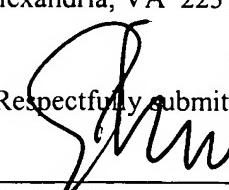
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1. Mroczkowski, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,284,748, issued 02/08/94.
2. Engelhardt, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,288,609, issued 02/22/94.
3. Hainfield, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,360,895, issued 11/01/94.

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4. Kidwell, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,384,265, issued 01/24/95.
5. Beebe, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,472,881, issued 12/05/95.
6. Stimpson, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,599,668, issued 02/04/97.
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10. Weiss, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,990,479, issued 11/23/99.
11. WO 93/10564 published 27 May 1993.
12. WO 98/10289 published 12 March 1998.
13. WO 99/23258 published 14 May 1999.
14. WO 99/21934 published 06 May 1999.
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16. O.D. Velev, et al., "In Situ Assembly of Collardal Particles into Miniaturized Biosensors," *Langmuir*, May 25, 1999, Vol. 15, No. 11, pp. 3693-3698 (May 25, 1999)

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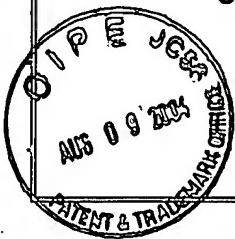
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